MINUTES: School of Professional Studies Meeting, April 5, 2019, 9:30 AM, TJM 326

PRESENT: Dr. Borchers, Ms. Barrett, Mr. Blobaum, Mr. Chipman, Ms. Earnest, Dr. Gardner, Mr. Gleason, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Mr. Griffin, Dr. J. Grotrian, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Kathol, Ms. Parriott, Ms. Weitzenkamp

ABSENT: Dr. Coe, Dr. S. Grotrian, Ms. Jensen, Dr. Mahan, Dr. Nevitt

I. Dr. Borchers requested review of the minutes of the March 15, 2019 School of Professional Studies meeting. Dr. Grotrian moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Goebel-Lundholm seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

II. Dr. Borchers provided an update of plans for the leadership role of the School of Professional Studies. A search committee will be formed, and a vacancy notice will be developed and posted in August. A goal of filling the position in January of 2020 has been set. Dr. Borchers will be serving as Interim Dean until the position is filled. Persons may be asked to help with certain projects in their areas of expertise. When extra help affecting workloads is requested, stipends will be paid. Dr. Borchers will be overseeing the internships for summer and fall of 2019.

The Criminal Justice search will continue with a goal of filling the position in January 2020. The Psychology search for the second position opening has a goal to fill the position for fall semester 2019.

III. Ms. Parriott advised department members that the Teacher Education Committee has been reviewing and aligning the Nebraska Department of Education’s requirements (Rule 24) with class offerings of the applicable disciplines offered at Peru State College. More specifically Ms. Parriott sent to department faculty members for their review - an email of related information for the Business, Marketing, and Information Technology discipline. Also made available were the Praxis II Study Guides for eleven disciplines.

IV. Dr. Borchers and Dr. Gardner outlined results of work by the Honors Program Committee.
   A. Committee Membership:
      1. A Director from one of the undergraduate schools
      2. A faculty member elected from each of the other undergraduate schools
      3. Two Honors Programs students elected by the Student Senate
      4. The Vice President for Academic Affairs
   B. Changes in Curriculum and Course Options
      1. Twenty-four credits in lieu of 14 required (12 hours of HP prefixed courses and remaining hours of HP courses or approved engagement options – upper division General Studies courses)
      2. HP 101 changed to 3 credits in lieu of 1 credit, and the HP 102 course added.
   C. Assessment will be maintained as in other programs: Outcomes, Measures, Targets

V. Dr. Borchers asked for faculty members to choose School of Professional Studies representatives to the following committees:
   A. Academic and Curriculum: Ms. Weitzenkamp; motion-Ms. Parriott; second-Mr. Hayes; approved
   B. Assessment: Dr. Galardi; motion-Mr. Griffin; second-Dr. J. Grotrian; approved
   C. Rank Promotion Tenure 1 year: Dr. Goebel-Lundholm; motion-Dr. J. Grotrian; second-Mr. Hayes; approved
   D. Rank Promotion Tenure 2 years: Dr. S. Grotrian; motion-Dr. Parriott; second-Ms. Weitzenkamp; approved
   E. BMIT Teacher Education: Ms. Parriott; motion-Dr. J. Grotrian; second-Mr. Gleason; approved

VI. Dr. Borchers and department members congratulated Dr. S. Grotrian for the student successes at the State PBL Leadership Conference. Twenty-eight students competed in testing; there were 20 first-place finishes. Chapter awards were:
   Gold Level Excellence Award
   Overall Excellence Award for 4-year Colleges
   Largest Local 4-Year College Membership

VII. Dr. Borchers reported on numbers of students who have been affected by the flooding. Mr. Kathol had Dr. Hanson’s presentation materials for the Town Hall meetings. He showed the materials to department members. Dr. Borchers spoke about the Wyland World Water Pledge and encouraged everyone to research the Wyland Foundation and to take the pledge. http://www.wylandfoundation.org/

VIII. Meeting was adjourned.